Manufacture of PABX by private sector

1138. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI KAPIL VERMA;

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state;

(a) what is the number of private manufacturers, to whom licenses for manufacturing PABX and other tele phone instruments were issued ia 1983, who had still not commenced the production;

(b) what action has been taken in the matter; and

(c) what is the extent to which private sector is being involved in extending telephone net work to rural areas besides manufacturing PABX and other telephone instruments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Nil.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a).

(c) Besides PABX, the private sector can manufacture all terminal equipment for installation at subscribers premises like telephone sets, teleprinter, Data Terminal etc. Private Sector can also participate in the manufacture of Switching and transmission equipment with at least 51 per cent shares being held by the Centre/State Government and maximum of 49 per cent being held by-the Private parties.

Conference /of Health Ministers and *the* Health Secretaries

1139. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether a conference of Health Ministers and Health Secretaries was held in 1986 in New Delhi;

(b) if SD, what were the details thereof A ld the decisions taken at this conference in regar^ to improv-| ing service conditions of doctors and to improve and provide medical services in rural areas of the country; and

(c) what are the names of rural areas of Bihar where Government propose to implement the decision taken at the conference in respect of making improvement and providing medical services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARl SAROJ KHAPARDE); (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Conference of State Health Ministers and Health Secretaries was held in September, 1986 in New Delhi. The Conference deliberated upon the issues relating to improving primary health care services rn rural areas and recommended that: —

(i) Targets for establishment of sub-centres and primary health centres be achieved and considering the importance of this programme it must be given the highest priority in the allocation of funds in the State Plans.

(ii) In addition to fulfilling the infrastructural; target^, earnest efforts be made to mproved the quality of services rendered by all primary health care institutions.

(iii) All sub-centres should be manner by trained personnel and training facilities for male multipurpose worker be suitably expanded. The allocation for drug supply to sub-centres and provision for rent may be raised.

(iv) A one time grant should be provlided for strengthening of laboratory facility in PHCs.

(v) Voluntary organisations may 1 be involved in training and delivery of primary health care.

(vi) In order to attract doctors to rural areas, attractive incentives such as rural allowance, house rent allowance, free quarters and other

amenities may be provided. Reservation in post-graduate admission may be provided for the in-service candidates who have put in stipulated rural service.

(c) The Government proposes to implement the recommendations of the Conference for making improvement in medical and primary health care services in all rural area$_{SI}$ of the country, including that of Bihar.

Mandatory ISI Standard for the Cosmetics and Detergent Products

1140. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints have been i received by Govermment! regarding J airse scale sale of sub-standard and spurious cosmetics in the market;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to make it mandatory on the part of the manufactures of all kinds of cosmetics and detergent products which are sold in the market should meet the standard fixed by the Bureau of Indian Standard and carry j the ISI marks;

(c) if so, details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No complaint has been received by the Government regarding large scale of sub-standard and spu'rious cosmetics in the market.

(b) to (d) The standards for cosmetics, as prescribed under the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules 150-A read with Schedule-S, contain eleven categories of cosmetics which are required to comply with the Indian Standards specifications. Since this is a mandatory provision no ISI mark is required to be printed on the label. Detergents are not covered by the term j 'Cosmetics' under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act.

Common Recruitment Rules in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

1141. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY; SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to the Unstarred Question 1692 given in the Rajya Sabha on the llth March, 1987 and state:

(a) whether Government have since taken a decision on the suitability of having common recruitment rules for the various posts including those of Assistant commissioners of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir. The scrutiny of existing •recruitment rules to determine the necessary modifications will take some more time.

(b) Does not arise.

Action against unauthorised agents indulging in railway reservation

1142. SHRI PARVATHANENI UP ENDRA: Will the Minister of RAIL WAYS be pleased to state what action Government propose to take against unauthorised agents and touts operating in Amrit Kaur Market, opposite-New Delhi Railway Station, current booking counters, IRCA Reservation Office and those who are abetting the offence under section 114-A(2) of Railway Act to check the unauthorised reservation of railway accommodation in fictitious names?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA); A close surveillance is maintained on